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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of:
William W. Tifft

Serial No.: 09/692,433

Filed: October 19, 2000

For: Rules Analyzer System and Method for
Evaluating and Ranking Exact and
Probabilistic Search Rules in an Enterprise
Database

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Group Art Unit: 2172
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FIRST RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2003 (Paper No. 6). It is not believed that additional fees are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional fees are necessary, such fees are hereby authorized to be charged to 20-0778.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner For Patents
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.



Response/Amendment
Fee as Calculated Below
No additional fee is required.
Small Entity status has been
established.



Terminal Disclaimer
Corrected Drawings
Other:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED FOR LARGE ENTITY					
	Claims After Amendment	Highest Prev. Paid For	Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	21	- 39	0	x \$18.00	= \$
Independent Claims	2	- 6	0	x \$84.00	= \$
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment					= \$0.00



A check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

A Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached in the amount of \$ _____.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to our Deposit Account No. _____ the amount of \$ _____ for the fee identified above. A duplicate of this Amendment Transmittal Letter is included herewith.



The Commissioner is authorized to charge any insufficiencies, and the Commissioner is hereby requested to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 20-0778.

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Attached are the following documents for filing with the USPTO:

Postcard
Amendment Transmittal Form (1 Page)
First Response and Amendment